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SUBJ: FMS KUWAIT: IHAWK NEGOTIATIONS

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1. RECENT TALKS WITH MINDEF SHAIKH SAAD HAVE CLEARLY INDICATED IMPORTANCE GOK ATTACHES TO UPCOMING IHAWK NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONTRACTOR IN PRESENCE US MILREP. SAAD HAS STATED THAT HE AND CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER JABER AL-AHMAD ATTACH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO IHAWK ACQUISITION AND IT CLEAR KUWAITIS ARE LOOKING TO USG TO KEEP PROJECT GOING FORWARD WITH FULL MOMENTUM. WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUING USG ROLE IN THE PROJECT, EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN ASWITCH FROM FMS TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONTRACTOR. WE WOULD ALSO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN US MILITARY AND CONTRACTOR. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE MAY BE A TENDENCY FOR USG AGENCIES TO LOSE INTEREST IN PROJECT AT THIS VERY CRUCIAL TIME.

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2. IN ADDITION TO MILITARY/CONTRACTOR COORDINATION IN US, A US MILREP WILL BE REQUIRED AT NEGOTIATIONS NOT ONLY TO "SIT IN" AS THE GOK UNDERSTANDS WE ARE PLANNING TO DO, BUT ALSO TO SUPPORT CREDIBILITY OF PROPOSED CONTRACTOR TRAINING PROGRAM. INASMUCH AS COL MURPHREE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART NEXT MONTH, HIS RELIEF OR SOME OTHER OFFICER FAMILIAR WITH IHAWK RELATED TRAINING SHOULD BE HERE TO PROVIDE THIS FUNCTION AND ABLE TO ADDRESS:

A. THE PURPOSE AND CONTENT OF (AND PREREQUISITES FOR) REFTEL COURSES.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOLING LOCAL PERSONNEL TO MEET ABOVE PREREQUISITES.

C. RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO BECOME IHAWK GUIDED MISSILE OFFICERS IN THE FUTURE. (BE ABLE TO DISCUSS CURRENT US ARMY SCHOOLS USED FOR THIS PURPOSE AS WELL AS PRE-REQUISITES FOR SCHOOLS.)

3. WE URGE THAT THE USG PROVIDE WHATEVER ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT NEEDED BY THE CONTRACTOR TO INSURE PROPOSED PRESENTATION HERE NO LATER THAN MID-JULY. THIS PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY OUR TOP MILITARY SYSTEMS CANDIDATE FOR INSURING LONG-TERM PRESENCE ON KUWAIT MILITARY SCENE. CONTINUED USG INVOLVEMENT TO INSURE SUCCESS OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT.
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